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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lidholm Stumvoll et al : Paper No.:  
Serial No.: To be assigned : Group Art Unit:  
Filing Date: December 21, 2001 : Examiner:  
For: Use of a Pure Allergen Component

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add the following claims 9-22:

--9. (NEW) A method for serologically identifying with improved accuracy the actual sensitizing allergen source among a variety of possible allergen sources containing cross-reactive proteins or epitopes, comprising contacting serum with a pure allergen component of limited or no cross-reactivity.--